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**County Recycling Facility Operator Wins Safety Award**

**FCR, Inc. names Waukesha plant "most improved" for safety for 2006**

Waukesha, (WI) – August 1, 2007 – FCR, Inc., operator of the Waukesha County Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), awarded the Waukesha plant "Most Improved" for safety, out of the company's 24 plants nationwide. The 18 workers at the facility sort and process nearly 24,000 tons of residential recyclables annually.

"FCR takes the safety of all its employees very seriously," stated Kerry Martin, Division Manager for FCR, Inc. Casella Waste Systems, when presenting the 2006 award in Waukesha last week. "We have a program in place that requires the plants to undergo one planned safety audit and one unplanned safety audit per year. These audits are scored and reflect on how the plant does from a safety standpoint at the end of the year. The Waukesha team has done a tremendous job in training and identifying issues within the plant before they become a problem. The whole team takes pride in knowing that everyone will go home safely to their families at the end of the shift. This past year, 2006, Waukesha received the annual award for the 'Most Improved' plant for safety."

Jim Lewis, Waukesha plant manager, commented, "In the past year and a half we have strived to make safety an automatic response by constant reminders, and cross training, not something that needed to be preached. We sent different people to training classes in both safety and first aid and had them give training sessions in the plant. This approach has made people more aware of their surroundings and the functions within the plant."

FCR, Inc. has operated the Waukesha facility since 2000. "We are pleased with the operator's emphasis on safety in the workplace and congratulate them for this award. Their work is critical to the success of the county recycling program," stated Karen Fiedler, county solid waste supervisor.

For more information about FCR, Inc. visit [www.casella.com](http://www.casella.com). To learn more about the County's recycling program or to schedule a tour of the facility, visit [www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling).

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